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USLP WILL SUE TO END COINTELPRO INVESTIGATIONS

NEW YORK, NOV. 28 (IPS)—THE U.S. LABOR PARTY (USLP) AND THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES (NCLC) WILL FILE SUIT IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HERE TODAY AGAINST THE FBI AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEMANDING THE COURT ORDER AN END TO THE UTTERLY ILLEGAL "SMITH ACT" WITCH-HUNT OF THE USLP AND NCLC MEMBERS BY NELSON ROCKEFELLER-CONNECTED AGENCIES AND OPERATIVES.

THE SUIT COMES IN RESPONSE TO THE FBI AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE THEIR FILES ON USLP AND NCLC MEMBERS AS IS REQUIRED BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES, THESE FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE SIMPLY STALLING ON HANDING OVER THE FILES, BUT IN SOME HALF-DOZEN INSTANCES THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPLICITLY REFUSED TO TURN OVER THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS OF CLAIMS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST SMITH AND MCCARREN ACTS.

THE LABOR PARTY SUIT WILL ASK THE COURT FOR A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT THAT FBI HEAD CLARENCE KELLEY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI HAVE NO RIGHT TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS FOR COINTELPRO OPERATIONS UNDER THE TWO MCCARTHY ERA LAWS, AND THEREBY FORCE LEVI AND KELLEY TO EITHER COME UP WITH SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE USLP, THE NCLC AND THEIR MEMBERS AND DEFEND THESE CHARGES IN OPEN COURT, OR TO DROP ONGOING SURVEILLANCE AND INVESTIGATION OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE SUIT ASKS FOR \$2 MILLION TO COVER DAMAGE DONE TO LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGNS, FUND-RAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES BY BOTH THE FBI'S "DIRTY TRICKS" AND OFFICIAL FBI SLANDERS THAT THE USLP AND THE NCLC ARE "VIOLENCE-PRONE GROUPS."